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## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

#### A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers

The twenty-first annual report of the California bank commissioners has been submitted to the governor. The prosperity of California is evidenced by the fact that the increase in deposits for the past two years has been \$50,382,295.

A lone highwayman performed a bold piece of work within the city limits of Pendleton, Or., at 7 o'clock last evening, when he held up and robbed four men and two women. He had three vehicles stationed in the street at one time, and all their occupants held their hands up.

After a cruise in Alaskan waters as far north as Point Barrow, the United States revenue cutter Bear, Captain Jarvis, returned to Seattle. She had 60 odd sick and destitute prospectors gathered up at various northland ports. At St. Michael, which point she left October 8, the Bear took aboard ten United States prisoners, five of them accused of murder, and conveyed them to the United States penitentiary at Sitka.

An exciting boat race was rowed at San Francisco on the bay from Hunters Point to the flag ship Iowa. It was between two picked crews from the warship and fully \$10,000 changed hands on the result. The officers were as much interested in the event as the men, and the band of the flag ship played, "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," as the winners, the third division crew, passed the stake boat. The course was four miles long and the winners covered it in 27m., 23s., and the losers in 28m. flat.

At Visalia, the first car of this season's oranges have been shipped. The season is earlier than usual. Porterville growers will ship a car of the Forget Me Not brand, two cars of the Sunflower brand and two cars of the Lily brand, all Washington navel. Two cars of fancy lemons will be shipped out of Lindsay and Lemon Cove. These eight cars constitute the largest shipment of new crop citrus fruit ever shipped from California in the month of October, and substantiate Tulare county's claim of being the earliest district in California.

#### SHIPWRIGHTS ON A STRIKE.

VALLEJO—The entire force of shipwrights at the Mare Island navy yard has struck. Their chief grievance is the failure of the government to restore their pay to \$5 per day. Considerable rush work is affected by the strike.

#### WANTS DAMAGES FOR SLANDER.

SAN FRANCISCO—William A. Nevills, one of the owners of the Rawhide mine, filed a suit for \$150,000 damages against W. H. Martin for slander. According to the complaint, Nevills alleged that Martin called him a "thief," and said he robbed the mine of \$300,000 in gold.

#### INVALID BURNED TO DEATH.

SAN FRANCISCO—William Berrin, a paralytic, was burned to death in his bed. In some manner a fire started in his room, and, although his sister, Mrs. White, made heroic efforts to save him, she could not, and he was burned to death. Mrs. White was severely burned in her endeavors to save her brother.

#### ONE MILLION EGGS.

SAN FRANCISCO—One million eggs of the Chinook salmon are to be sent by the United States fish commission to New Zealand on the steamer Moana. They are from a hatchery in Oregon. It is believed that the Chinook salmon will do well in the waters of all the Australian rivers, the climatic and other conditions being similar to those of this coast.

#### SAN FRANCISCO CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

SAN FRANCISCO—The receipts in the customs department at the port of San Francisco for the month of October were \$611,540, the largest receipts for the month of October since the year 1892. Customs Collector Jackson says that the business of this port has increased so rapidly and so steadily during the past few years that it has outgrown the shipping facilities here.

#### VICTIM OF POISONOUS WATER.

FRESNO—The Coroner has been summoned to the West Side to hold an inquest on the remains found yesterday by John Kerr about ten miles south-

east of Coalinga. The body had probably been there several months. The head lay six feet from the trunk, and both were denuded of flesh. The supposition is that the deceased had drunk from his canteen of the arsenical water of Bitter Spring, about eight miles southwest of where the body was discovered.

#### CALIFORNIA'S CROP OF RAISINS.

FRESNO—Careful estimates by the California Raisin Growers' Association of the raisin crop of the state since the rains of October warrant the conclusion that two-thirds of the crop has been delivered to the packers, and fully one-third yet remains out of the trays. One-half of these slowly-curing raisins may be saved by favorable weather and placing them as far as practicable into drying houses, the balance (one-sixth) of the crop will go to the wineries.

#### GENERAL SHAFTER'S IDEA.

SAN FRANCISCO—At a conference of Red Cross members, citizens and army officers held to consider means for the relief of destitute soldiers, General Shafter said he would recommend the discharge of all men in San Francisco hereafter instead of Manila. They would therefore receive their pay here instead of elsewhere and have a chance to procure transportation before their money has all been spent. Many of the soldiers who have been discharged in Manila have been in the habit of dropping whatever pay they receive at way ports before reaching this city.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY.

SACRAMENTO—Governor Gage issued a Thanksgiving proclamation which is said to be one of the shortest ever issued by a California governor. It is as follows:

"In obedience to the universal and praiseworthy American custom of setting apart a day for public thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, and for the performance of charitable works; and, further, in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States of America, given at the city of Washington, D. C., October 25, 1899, I, Henry T. Gage, as governor of the state of California, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1899, as Thanksgiving day, and I do hereby declare the same a legal holiday."

#### WOMAN TAKES POISON IN COURT.

SAN JOSE—Mrs. Ruth E. Goetz, who is being sued for divorce by her husband on the grounds of cruelty, created a wildly sensational scene in Judge Hyland's department of the superior court. The case had been submitted and the court was proceeding to review it. He had reached a point where he said that Mrs. Goetz was 31 years old and her husband 24, and from the testimony it seemed they could not get along together, when Mrs. Goetz sprang from her seat with a piercing shriek: "I want my Fred. Give me my Fred."

Before any one could restrain her she took a two-ounce phial of laudanum from her reticule and drank it. There was tremendous excitement in court for a few minutes, but doctors were called, who, using a stomach pump, soon pronounced the woman out of immediate danger.

The woman was formerly the wife of an attorney here, but they were divorced, this being her second marriage. She and her present husband have been in the police court, she having charged her husband with battery, for which he was fined.

#### HOGS.

As to the matter of swine, they can be raised and fattened quicker than cattle. We want first animals that will produce large litters of pigs—the larger the better. We are not figuring on fine points and pedigrees just now. It is our aim to fill a present need of the market with salable stock. After the pigs are here it is the question of what feed will make them grow and mature the quickest. From the first the animals should be kept growing daily and hourly. Their growth should be forced as much as possible consistent with their health. It requires more costly food to do this than by the slow growth, but in the end it may mean many dollars in our pockets. We farmers do not always take sufficient risk. We see the opportunity, but let it slip by for fear we may lose money. The successful business man takes these little risks and makes the most of his opportunities. Sometimes he may lose by it, but more often he gains, and gains heavily. That is what breeders should do just now—strike while the iron is hot.

#### GOLD DUST FROM COOK'S INLET.

PORT TOWNSEND—The schooner Gen. Siglin arrived from Cook's Inlet, bringing seventy-six passengers and \$30,000 in gold dust. The Siglin left the Inlet October 25, and sailed direct to this port.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

### The News of the State, Nation and the World

### MOST INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

#### From Everywhere will be found in this Column. Items that interest Everybody

A genius in England has invented smokeless coal. Carry the news to Pittsburgh.

Drinking petroleum is a popular vice in Paris. If our French friends will complete the circuit by swallowing lamp-wicks, they will be able to illuminate the dark places.

When Dewey saw that he would win at Manila he hailed off for breakfast. When Lipton saw that he would lose at Sandy Hook he went below to luncheon. They are representatives of two nations which are the greatest of the world largely because of their common sense.

Ex-President Cleveland will address the students of Princeton college January 6, the subject announced being "Current Topics." This title, in view of Grover's career and pastimes, leaves the anxious collegians in considerable doubt whether the lecture will deal with "Politics as I Have Known It" or "Habits and Habitations of the Mallard Duck," with a fishery addendum.

The Dewey day New York celebration "came high," but as everybody, honored and honoring, was satisfied, none has been disturbed at the magnitude of the figures of expenditures, some items in which were: Badges (including medal for Admiral Dewey), \$5,500; carriages, \$700; stands, \$40,000; refreshments, \$10,000; arch, \$30,000; troops from outside of state, \$20,000; state troops, \$16,000; fireworks, \$15,000. The total was \$139,000.

#### SWAM ACROSS.

MANILA—Chase's troop of the Third Cavalry and a troop of the Fourth Cavalry swam the river and surrounded the garrison at Bougabong, entering the town. The enemy escaped. Six rifles and a quantity of ammunition were captured.

Castner's scouts had a skirmish with insurgents near Alaga, killing five.

#### COMBINE COLLAPSED.

RICHMOND (Ind.)—One of the men interested in the project to combine all the threshing machine manufacturers in the United States into one organization has made known the fact that the plan of the projectors has been unsuccessful and that it is likely that all the options on plants will be permitted to expire. Two such plants are located here.

#### COROLINIUS A DEATH SHIP.

VICTORIA (B. C.)—The German ship Corolinius, Captain Gotting, arrived after a passage of sixty-eight days from Panama. She is now in quarantine, being disinfected and thoroughly fumigated, for she had been at the home of that terrible scourge of the tropics—yellow fever. The Corolinius, which is one of the vessels chartered to load salmon for Liverpool, has been a death-ship, fifteen of her crew having been carried off by yellow fever at Panama before she sailed northward.

#### ANTI-TRUST BAKING POWDER.

CHICAGO—A special to the Times-Herald from Indianapolis says that a number of Chicago men and several representatives of other cities have been here since Wednesday in consultation with reference to forming an anti-trust baking powder company, and it is announced that the details have been completed and that one of the largest baking powder plants in the country will be established in Chicago. When the conference closed last evening several of the representatives went to Cincinnati for the purpose of purchasing machinery to place in the new plant.

#### RAISED SPANISH SHIPS READY.

SAN FRANCISCO—A few days before the steamship China left Hongkong the announcement was made that the three ex-cruisers of the Spanish fleet at Manila—the Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon and Don Juan de Austria—were ready to proceed to Manila and join Admiral Watson's squadron. The reconstruction of the vessels has been under the supervision of Lieutenant Hobson. The vessels will be on blockade duty in the Philippines.

The three cruisers were sunk at Cavite by the ships of Admiral Dewey. The estimated cost of raising and reconstructing the ships, exclusive of armament, is \$304,000.

#### VIOLATORS OF ANTI-TRUST LAW.

CHICAGO—Civil suits for the collection of penalties aggregating \$402,500

for violation of the anti-trust and pooling law were begun here today under direction of the attorney-general, against fifty corporations doing business in Chicago and Cook county.

The penalties are at the rate of \$50 a day for failure to file affidavits that the corporations are not in agreement or combination for the control of the output or prices, or the restriction of trade. Among the corporations which it is alleged have failed to comply with the law are the West Chicago Street railway, and the Metropolitan Elevated Railway company.

#### DEWEY REUNION.

An Enterprise that the Admiral is Asked to Sanction.

TACOMA, Wash.—A. M. Dewey, special agent of the government in the department of labor, has announced here that all members of the Dewey family related to Admiral Dewey would hold a reunion at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York in January or February. Dewey, who is a cousin of the admiral, has been one of the prime movers in the plan for the celebration. He says acceptance has been received from all parts of the country, indicating that 1500 Deweys will gather in New York to meet the admiral and his bride. Over 100 Deweys from the Pacific coast will be present. Admiral Dewey has been requested to fix the date of the reunion.

#### CIRCULATION REPORT.

WASHINGTON—The monthly circulation statement of the comptroller of the currency shows that at the close of business October 31, 1899, the total circulation of national bank notes was \$242,984,694, an increase for the year of \$3,438,413, and a decrease for the month of \$305,434. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$207,920,773, a decrease for the year of \$2,124,682, and an increase for the month of \$606,601.

The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$35,063,920, which is an increase for the year of \$5,563,095, and a decrease for the month of \$912,036.

The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was \$232,460,160, and to secure public deposits, \$70,365,940.

#### FUNSTON-IRELAND CONTROVERSY

MINNEAPOLIS—Thomas Campbell, late of the Thirteenth Minnesota regiment, says the controversy between General Funston and Archbishop Ireland regarding church desecration in the Philippines is based on a misunderstanding of the facts. He says that he himself is a Catholic and that there were a score or more of Catholics in his company, all of whom had as many church relics as did their Protestant comrades. The reason, he says, is that the Filipinos themselves had desecrated the churches before the United States troops came. The buildings were looted for small arms and used as storehouses and hospitals, so that the destruction of the buildings became a strategic necessity. The paraphernalia either had to be taken away or suffered with the reduction of the buildings.

#### A STRINGENT FOOD LAW.

Prohibits the Use of Arsenic or Alum in All Articles of Diet.

The law enacted by the Missouri legislature, a copy of which was recently published in our columns, and which prohibits the manufacture or sale of any article intended for food or to be used in the preparation of food, which contains alum, arsenic, ammonia, etc., places that state in the lead in the matter of sanitary legislation.

Laws restricting the use of alum in bread have been in force in England, Germany and France for many years. In this country, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and several other states, direct legislation in reference to the sale of alum baking powders has also been effected. In several of these states their sale is prohibited unless they are branded to show that they contain alum, and in the District of Columbia, under the laws of Congress, the sale of bread containing alum has been made illegal.

Following are the names of some of the brands of baking powder sold in this vicinity which are shown by recent analysis to contain alum. Housekeepers and grocers should cut the list out and keep it for reference:

#### BAKING POWDERS CONTAINING ALUM.

K. C. .... Contains Alum  
Manf. by Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago.  
CALUMET ..... Contains Alum  
Manf. by Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.

HOME ..... Contains Alum  
Manf. by Home Baking Powder Co., San Francisco.

BEE-HIVE ..... Contains Alum  
Manf. by Washington Mfg. Co., San Francisco.

CLOVER-LEAF ..... Contains Alum  
Manf. by Pacific Mfg. Co., Los Angeles.  
The housekeeper should bear in mind that alum makes a cheap baking powder. It costs but two cents a pound, while cream of tartar costs thirty. The quality of the powder is, therefore, indicated by the price.

## MINES AND MINING.

### SMELTER FOR CASTLE CREEK.

The Journal-Miner of Prescott, Ariz., states that another smelter is going to be erected in the Castle Creek district, in Arizona. It is for the Whipsaw mine, and has been ordered from the Colorado Iron works of Pueblo. It is to be a forty-ton smelter, the cost to be \$15,000. The Whipsaw mines were originally located and worked for gold, but since last February they have been worked for copper, while saving the gold.

### TELLURIUM IN MEXICO.

The Santa Fe New Mexican states it is positively announced that the Ortiz Mining company, a St. Louis corporation, has found tellurium on the property it is developing in the Dolores district. As is well known, tellurium is considered one of the richest compositions in which gold is found, and whenever a discovery of that variety of ore is announced there is sure to be a rush to the spot, if open to location.

### A WISE ACT.

At the annual convention of the California Miners' Association, held in San Francisco last week, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, Although in the opinion of this association the State mining law of 1897 was repealed, yet in order to remove any uncertainty upon the subject among the miners of this state,

"Resolved, That the committee on legislation is hereby instructed to prepare a bill for presentation to the legislature at its next session repealing in clear and explicit terms the mining act of 1897."

### WAR AFFECTS MINING.

Mining will be affected in more than one way by the Transvaal war, says the Leadville Miner. The mining of gold in the Rand will be entirely suspended and the world's output reduced by many millions annually. The interruption will be immediate and the effects continue for years. The Kimberly diamond mines will necessarily be in jeopardy of interruption and the yield of the diamondiferous field be curtailed or shut off altogether, at least while the war goes on. The draught on the coal and lead supplies will also be heavy if the British and Boers get after each other in dead earnest.

### HIGH ORE VALUES.

According to returns the ore now averages \$29 a ton and an average of 10 tons daily is worked. A late purchase to which not much importance was at first attached turns out unexpectedly rich, and is apparently the best claim in the group of 17 which the company owns. In this, the Ticonderoga, a body of sulphide ore four and a half feet wide has just been opened, running from \$40 to \$225. This strike is within forty feet of the mill and right in the center of the town of Chaparral. An adjoining claim, the Little Jessie, was formerly worked under lease by Frank Wright, an old Pasadenaan, who made \$60,000 out of it, and it was sold last week for \$350,000. Mr. Wright now lives at Prescott and owns the entire street car system of that city, as well as extensive telephone lines. Mr. Parameley makes but a brief stay. He is buying more machinery.

### MINING NOTES.

Cripple Creek September's dividends amounted to \$295,000.

Eastern capitalists recently offered \$375,000 for the Azurite mine, but the offer was refused. The Azurite is located south of Tucson.

At the convention in San Francisco last week of the California Miners' Association, W. C. Ralston was elected president and E. H. Benjamin was re-elected secretary.

Many of the mine owners of the Slo-can, British Columbia, are acceding to the \$3.50 demand of the miners. Ainsworth district, on Lake Kootenay, now has 150 men at work.

The Cameron mine is coming to the front as a bullion producer, a five-stamp mill having been purchased, and the weather permitting it will soon be placed at the mine in Mono county.

The capacity of the Boston and Montana plant at Great Falls, Mont., is to be greatly enlarged, increasing the output from 70,000,000 pounds of copper ore per annum to at least 100,000,000 pounds.

The Woods Investment Company of Victor, Col., is now building an immense electric power plant to furnish 5000 to 10,000-horse power, on Beaver Creek, fifteen miles southwest of Cripple Creek.

The large copper mines of Arizona are nearly all associated with limestone; those of Butte, Mont., are in granite; those of Lake Superior in conglomerate sand stone and diabase; those of Ducktown, Tenn., in mica schist; those of Iron Mountain, Shasta county, Cal., for the most part in quartz porphyry; those of Idaho mostly in diorite.